GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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AVAILABILITY OF DICLOWIN PLUS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a pharmaceutical company viz., M/s Wings Pharmaceutical, has been advertising their pain killing tablet with the trade name `Diclowin Plus` in the electronic media confirming its availability over the counter ;

(b) if so, whether this tablet contains diclofenac sodium, which is listed as a Schedule `H` drugs prohibited from being dispensed except against a medical doctor`s prescription ; and

(c) if so, the action taken /being taken against the said pharmaceutical company for violation of the Government model guidelines on code of ethics for advertisement of drugs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The Drugs Control Department, Delhi under whose jurisdiction M/s. Wings Pharmaceuticals is located has informed that a warning was issued to the firm to refrain from such advertisement and that the firm had discontinued the telecast of the advertisement on all T.V. channels since 1st November, 2004.